# Holzer Consolidated Health Systems July 2008 Quarterly Report

To: USAC and Federal Communications Commission

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Holzer Consolidated Health Systems is legally and financially responsible for the conduct of activities supported by the award. Many state and local officials have inquired about the project and objectives that will impact the area. No financial support has been received from eligible funding sources.

Health Care Facilities in Network
Holzer Medical Center
100 Jackson Pike
Gallipolis, OH 45631
740-446-5000
RUCA: 5.0
Census Tract: 9535

Holzer Medical Center-Jackson 500 Burlington Road Jackson, OH 45640 740-286-4625 RUCA: 7.0 Census Tract: 9575

Jenkins Memorial Health Clinic 140 Jenkins Memorial Road Wellston, OH 45692 740-384-2167

**RUCA: 7.0** 

Census Tract: 9572

Dental Health Partners 190 Water Street Jackson, OH 45640 740-286-0480 RUCA: 7.0

Census Tract: 9576

The Medical Plaza 936 State Route 160 Gallipolis, OH 45631 740-446-9620 RUCA: 5.0

Census Tract: 9535

Each site listed above are public sites and all fall under HCHS 501 (c)(3) not-for-profit status. Each of these sites are direct patient care hospitals or clinics that met all requirements set forth in the Rural Healthcare Pilot order. HMC and HMCJ are hospitals that serve rural communities in Southeast Ohio with support from doctors' practices at The Medical Plaza and Jenkins Memorial Health Clinic. Dental Health Partners is a department of HMCJ and is a partially state funded rural dental clinic.

#### Network Narrative:

We have not started the competitive bid process for our network. At this point in time we are aggregating demand in our respective counties to submit an RFP to the local telecom companies. Our 465 and RFP will be posted for bid in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2008.

### Connected Health Care Providers:

None of our proposed sites are connected at this time.

#### Non-recurring and Recurring Costs:

None at this time.

#### Costs and Funds for Match:

No costs have been accrued at this time. HCHS has the 15% match budgeted when costs are accrued for FY2008.

#### Connection of Ineligible Entities:

We have no plans of ineligible entities to connect to this network when it becomes functional.

#### **Project Management:**

Holzer Consolidated Health Systems has contracted with Reid Consulting Services to help support Kevin Yeager, Project Coordinator, and Morgan Saunders, Associate Project Coordinator in network design, merger relations with the SOHCN, RFP creation and submission, vendor inquiries, etc. Kevin and Morgan will have final approval of all decisions made that affects the HCHS pilot project.

# Self Sustaining Network:

HCHS feels that using the common telecom companies to provide the service we need has greater value for the life of the network. This network will be bid as a telecom solution and not a private fiber self sustaining type network.

# **Telemedicine Support:**

This network will allow HCHS to bring advanced medical systems to its outlining hospitals and rural health clinics. Bringing these systems to rural areas allows residents to stay close to home and not have to travel long distances for advanced medical care. At this time there is not additional available because the network has not been designed or built.

# **HHS Compliant and Coordination:**

HCHS plans on utilizing this network to connect the ARIC-EDI (Appalachian Regional Informatics Consortium's Electronic Data Interchange) for central data storage of patient information for the RHIO. Also, HCHS is planning on purchasing a PACS and EMR systems and this network will allow HCHS to provide these advanced network systems all locations listed above in section 2. It is HCHS intent to coordinate all efforts to meet the HHS initiatives and provide the systems and ultimately the best healthcare in Southeast Ohio.

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